

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for forming an ad-hoc network between vehicles to communicate vehicle management information between them, comprising the steps of:
collecting, by a source vehicle, its own vehicle driving information, and creating
5 vehicle management information of the source vehicle based on the vehicle driving information;
setting up, by source vehicle, a routing condition composed of predetermined vehicle traveling requirements based on the vehicle management information, and transmitting a vehicle management information message having the routing condition
10 and the vehicle management information to nearby vehicles;
searching, by the nearby vehicles, for the routing condition upon receiving the vehicle management information message; and
determining whether the nearby vehicles route the vehicle management information message according to the routing condition.
- 15 2. The method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the routing condition is contained in a header of the vehicle management information message, and the vehicle management information of the source vehicle is contained in a main body of the vehicle management information message.
- 20 3. The method as set forth in claim 2,
wherein the step for searching the routing condition includes the steps of:
searching, by the nearby vehicles, for the routing condition upon receiving header information of the vehicle management information message; and
comparing, with the nearby vehicles, their vehicle driving information with the vehicle traveling requirements contained in the routing condition.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3,
wherein, in the collecting step, the step of creating vehicle management
information includes the steps of
creating, with the source vehicle, vehicle safety information based on its own
5 vehicle driving information and the vehicle driving information of the nearby vehicles,
and including at least one of position and direction of the source vehicle in the vehicle
driving information; and
creating the vehicle management information using at least one of the vehicle
driving information and the vehicle safety information of the source vehicle.
- 10 5. The method as set forth in claim 4,
wherein the vehicle safety information includes
a first warning message indicating an imminent traffic collision between vehicles,
a second warning message indicating a traffic accident occurrence, and
a third warning message indicating the entrance of the source vehicle to a
15 crossroads.
6. The method as set forth in claim 3,
wherein the source vehicle sets up a message reception condition to allow only
vehicles satisfying a prescribed vehicle traveling requirement from among the
predetermined vehicle traveling requirements to receive the vehicle management
20 information message, includes the message reception condition in the routing condition,
and then transmits the message.

7. The method as set forth in claim 6,
wherein the vehicle traveling requirement includes at least one of vehicle
position, speed, and direction information.

8. The method as set forth in claim 6,
5 wherein the vehicle management information message is transmitted to a driver
if the nearby vehicles are compatible with the message reception condition.

9. The method as set forth in claim 7,
wherein the routing condition further includes ID (Identification) and routing
area information of a routing vehicle, and the message reception condition further
10 includes ID information of a destination vehicle.

10. The method as set forth in claim 9,
wherein the source vehicle sets each of the routing vehicle ID and the destination
vehicle ID to a null value, and broadcasts the vehicle management information message
to the nearby vehicles.

15 11. The method as set forth in claim 10,
wherein the source vehicle sets the routing area to a predetermined area, sets
vehicle position information contained in the vehicle traveling requirement of the
message reception condition to a reference position of the routing area, and broadcasts
the vehicle management information message to nearby vehicles contained in the
20 predetermined area.

12. The method as set forth in claim 9,
wherein the source vehicle sets the destination vehicle ID to a specified vehicle,
sets the routing vehicle ID to an ID of the specified vehicle based on the vehicle driving
information of the specified vehicle, and transmits the vehicle management information
5 message to the specified vehicle.

13. The method as set forth in claim 12,
wherein the source vehicle sets up a plurality of routing vehicle IDs, and
transmits the vehicle management information message to the specified vehicle using a
flooding method.

10 14. An apparatus for forming an ad-hoc network between a source vehicle
and nearby vehicles to communicate vehicle management information between them,
the apparatus comprising:

a sensor for collecting vehicle driving information including at least one of
vehicle position, direction, and speed information of the source vehicle;

15 a communicator for receiving a vehicle management information message having
vehicle management information and a routing condition of nearby vehicles from the
nearby vehicles, for inserting a predetermined vehicle traveling requirement into the
routing condition, for comparing the vehicle traveling requirement with the collected
vehicle driving information, and for determining whether the vehicle management
20 information message is routed; and

a display for informing a driver of the collected vehicle driving information.

15. The apparatus as set forth in claim 14,
wherein the routing condition is contained in a header of the vehicle management information message, and the vehicle management information is contained in a main body of the vehicle management information message.

5 16. The apparatus as set forth in claim 14,
wherein the vehicle traveling requirement includes at least one of vehicle position, speed, and direction information.

17. The apparatus as set forth in claim 14,
wherein the vehicle management information message includes a message
10 reception condition composed of a plurality of predetermined vehicle traveling requirements.

18. The apparatus as set forth in claim 17, further comprising:
a controller for receiving the vehicle management information message from the communicator if the communicator determines that the vehicle driving information is
15 compatible with the vehicle traveling requirements defined in the message reception condition.

19. An apparatus for forming an ad-hoc network between a source vehicle and nearby vehicles to communicate vehicle management information between them, the apparatus comprising:
20 a sensor for collecting vehicle driving information including at least one of vehicle position, direction, and speed information of the source vehicle;
a communicator for receiving vehicle driving information of nearby vehicles;

a controller for creating vehicle management information based on individual vehicle driving information of the source vehicle and the nearby vehicles, for setting up a predetermined routing condition for routing the vehicle management information, for inserting a predetermined vehicle traveling requirement into the routing condition, and
5 for creating a vehicle management information message having the routing condition and the vehicle management information; and

a display for informing a driver of the vehicle driving information of the source vehicle and the vehicle management information.

20. The apparatus as set forth in claim 19,
10 wherein the routing condition is contained in a header of the vehicle management information message, and the vehicle management information of the source vehicle is contained in a main body of the vehicle management information message.

21. The apparatus as set forth in claim 19,
15 wherein the controller creates vehicle safety information upon receiving the vehicle driving information of the source vehicle and the nearby vehicles, and creates the vehicle management information using at least one of the vehicle driving information and the vehicle safety information of the source vehicle.

22. The apparatus as set forth in claim 21,
20 wherein the vehicle safety information includes a first warning message indicating an imminent traffic collision between vehicles, a second warning message indicating a traffic accident occurrence, and a third warning message indicating the entrance of the source vehicle to a crossroads.

23. The apparatus as set forth in claim 20,
wherein the source vehicle sets up a message reception condition to allow only
vehicles satisfying the predetermined vehicle traveling requirement to receive the
vehicle management information message, includes the message reception condition in
5 the routing condition, and then transmits the message.

24. The apparatus as set forth in claim 23,
wherein the vehicle traveling requirement includes at least one of vehicle
position, speed, and direction information.

25. The apparatus as set forth in claim 24,
10 wherein the routing condition further includes ID (Identification) and routing
area information of a routing vehicle, and the message reception condition further
includes ID information of a destination vehicle.

26. The apparatus as set forth in claim 25,
wherein the source vehicle sets each of the routing vehicle ID and the destination
15 vehicle ID to a null value, and broadcasts the vehicle management information message
to the nearby vehicles.

27. The apparatus as set forth in claim 26,
wherein the source vehicle sets the routing area to a predetermined area, sets
vehicle position information contained in the vehicle traveling requirement of the
20 message reception condition to a reference point of the routing area, and broadcasts the
vehicle management information message to nearby vehicles contained in the
predetermined area.

28. The apparatus as set forth in claim 25,
wherein the source vehicle sets the destination vehicle ID to a specified vehicle,
sets the routing vehicle ID to an ID of the specified vehicle to based on the vehicle
driving information of the specified vehicle, and transmits the vehicle management
5 information message to the specified vehicle.

29. The apparatus as set forth in claim 25,
wherein the source vehicle sets the destination vehicle ID to a specified vehicle,
sets up a plurality of routing vehicle IDs, and transmits the vehicle management
information message to the specified vehicle using a flooding method.

10 30. A method for forming an ad-hoc network between a source vehicle and
nearby vehicles to communicate vehicle management information between them
comprising the steps of:

collecting vehicle driving information including at least one of vehicle position,
direction, and speed information of the source vehicle;

15 receiving vehicle management information message having vehicle management
information and a routing condition of nearby vehicles from the nearby vehicles,
inserting a predetermined vehicle traveling requirement into the routing condition,
comparing the vehicle traveling requirement with the collected vehicle driving
information, and determining whether the vehicle management information message is
20 routed; and

informing a driver of the vehicle driving information of the source vehicle.

31. The method as set forth in claim 30,
wherein the routing condition is contained in a header of the vehicle management information message, and the vehicle management information is contained in a main body of the vehicle management information message.

5 32. The method as set forth in claim 30,
wherein the vehicle traveling requirement includes at least one of vehicle position, speed, and direction information.

33. The method as set forth in claim 30,
wherein the vehicle management information message includes a message
10 reception condition having the predetermined vehicle traveling requirement.

34. The method as set forth in claim 33,
wherein the vehicle management information message is transmitted to a driver if the source vehicle determines that the vehicle driving information is compatible with the vehicle traveling requirement defined in the message reception condition.

15 35. A method for forming an ad-hoc network between a source vehicle and nearby vehicles to communicate vehicle management information between them comprising the steps of:

collecting vehicle driving information including at least one of vehicle position, direction, and speed information of the source vehicle;

20 receiving vehicle driving information of nearby vehicles from the nearby vehicles;

creating vehicle management information based on the vehicle driving information of the source vehicle and the nearby vehicles, setting up a routing condition

for routing the vehicle management information, inserting a predetermined vehicle traveling requirement into the routing condition, and creating a vehicle management information message having the routing condition and the vehicle management information; and

5 informing a driver of the vehicle driving information and the vehicle management information of the source vehicle.

36. The method as set forth in claim 35,
 wherein the routing condition is contained in a header of the vehicle management information message, and the vehicle management information of the source vehicle is
10 contained in a main body of the vehicle management information message.

37. The method as set forth in claim 35,
 wherein the source vehicle creates vehicle safety information based on its own vehicle driving information and vehicle driving information of the nearby vehicles, and the vehicle management information is created using at least one of the vehicle driving
15 information and the vehicle safety information of the source vehicle.

38. The method as set forth in claim 37,
 wherein the vehicle safety information includes
 a first warning message indicating an imminent traffic collision between vehicles,
 a second warning message indicating a traffic accident occurrence, and
20 a third warning message indicating the entrance of the source vehicle to a
 crossroads.

39. The method as set forth in claim 36,
wherein the source vehicle sets up a message reception condition to allow only
vehicles satisfying the predetermined vehicle traveling requirement to receive the
vehicle management information message, includes the message reception condition in
5 the routing condition, and then transmits the message.

40. The method as set forth in claim 39,
wherein the vehicle traveling requirement includes at least one of vehicle
position, speed, and direction information.

41. The method as set forth in claim 40,
10 wherein the routing condition further includes ID (Identification) and routing
area information of a routing vehicle, and the message reception condition further
includes ID information of a destination vehicle.

42. The method as set forth in claim 41,
wherein the source vehicle sets each of the routing vehicle ID and the destination
15 vehicle ID to a null value, and broadcasts the vehicle management information message
to the nearby vehicles.

43. The method as set forth in claim 42,
wherein the source vehicle sets the routing area to a predetermined area, sets
vehicle position information contained in the vehicle traveling requirement of the
20 message reception condition to a reference point of the routing area, and broadcasts the
vehicle management information message to nearby vehicles contained in the
predetermined area.

44. The method as set forth in claim 41,
wherein the source vehicle sets the destination vehicle ID to a specified vehicle,
sets the routing vehicle ID to an ID of the specified vehicle to based on the vehicle
driving information of the specified vehicle, and transmits the vehicle management
5 information message to the specified vehicle.

45. The method as set forth in claim 41,
wherein the source vehicle sets the destination vehicle ID to the specified vehicle,
sets up a plurality of routing vehicle IDs, and transmits the vehicle management
information message to the specified vehicle using a flooding method.

10 46. The method as set forth in one of claims 4, 30 and 35,
wherein the vehicle driving information includes information indicating a traffic
accident occurrence of the source vehicle.

47. The apparatus as set forth in one of claims 14 and 19,
wherein the vehicle driving information includes information indicating a traffic
15 accident occurrence of the source vehicle.